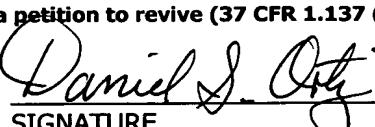


Form PTO-1390 (Rev. 12-2004)		US PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE: US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. <b>C 2678 PCT/US</b>
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/534307</b>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/EP2003/012044</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>October 30, 2003</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>November 8, 2002</b>	
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> <b>METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF AN ESTER</b>			
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> <b>Thomas Albers, Michael Neuss, Heiko Kraus</b>			
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). <b>(COPY OF PCT REQUEST EXECUTED BY ALL INVENTORS)</b></li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>International Search Report (with Information Disclosure Citation and References)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service Mailing Label Number <u>EV530260334US</u></b></p>			

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The following fees have been submitted		<b>CALCULATIONS</b> <b>PTO USE ONLY</b>	
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee..... \$300		\$ 300	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee If international preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$100 All other situations..... \$200		\$ 200	
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an: International Searching Authority..... \$100 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office..... \$400 All other situations..... \$500		\$ 400	
<b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>		\$ 900	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.			
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE
14 - 100 =	0/50 =	0	x <b>\$250.00</b>
Surcharge of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).		\$ 0	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE
Total Claims	20 - 20 =	0	0 X <b>\$50.00</b>
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0	0 X <b>\$200.00</b>
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (S) (if applicable)		0	+ <b>\$360.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>		\$ 900	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.		\$ 0	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		\$ 900	
Processing fee of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).		+	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE</b>		\$ 900	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). <b>\$40.00</b> per property		+	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b>		\$ 900	
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		<b>\$900.00</b>	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>50-1177</u> in the amount of <u>\$900.00</u> to cover the above fees. A triplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Order No. <u>05-0174</u> . c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>50-1177</u> . A triplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.			
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.			
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